

SELECTION AND INTERCONNECTION OF COMPUTER-BASED COMMUNICATIONS TECHNIQUES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a method for configuring computer-based communication, user identifiers appropriate to identify a user of a computer to each of multiple communications applications accessible with the computer are obtained. A graphical user interface (GUI) associated with the computer-based communication may be provided on a display screen of the computer, where the GUI includes representations of the multiple communications applications. A system for computer-based communications may be a computer system including a display screen, means for obtaining user identifiers effective to identify a user of the computer system to each of multiple communications applications accessible with the computer system, and means for providing on the display screen a GUI associated with computer-based communication. The means for obtaining user identifiers and the means for providing a GUI may include a communications aggregation program stored on a storage medium accessible by the computer system.

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